IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Akihiro FUNAKOSHI et al.

Title: A PREVENTIVE OR

THERAPEUTIC AGENT FOR PANCREATITIS COMPRISING IL-6 ANTAGONIST AS AN ACTIVE INGREDIENT

Appl. No.: 09/762,550

Appl. Filing Date: 2/9/2001

Examiner: Lorraine Spector

Art Unit: 1647

Confirmation

5276

Number:

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. This RCE and the enclosed items listed below are being filed prior to the earliest of: (1) payment of the issue fee (unless a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.313 is granted); (2) abandonment of the application; or (3) the filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. §141, or the commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. §145 or §146 (unless the appeal or civil action is terminated).

- 1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114: (check items that apply)
 - a. Previously submitted:

[]	Please enter and consider the amendment and/or reply previously filed on					
	Please consider the Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) previously filed on but not considered.					
[]	Please consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply previously filed on					
[]	Other					
b. End	b. Enclosed are:					
[X]	Amendment/Reply.					
[]	Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s).					
	Information Disclosure Statement.					
	Form PTO/SB/08 with copies of listed reference(s).					
[X]	Other: Knulst, A.C., et al, Dept. of Immun., 3: 33-40 (1994).					

Miscellaneous:

[] Suspension of action of the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of __ months.

The filing fee is calculated below:

	Claims as Amended				Extra Claims Present		Rate		Fee Totals	
RCE Fee 1.17(e):							\$790.00		\$790.00	
Total Claims:	11	2000	39	= 0		x	\$50.00	Marini (A) Marini (A) Marini (A)	\$0.00	
Independents	3	***	9	= 0		X	\$200.00	Address Addres	\$0.00	
First p	resentation o	of any	Multiple I	Depender	nt Claims:	+	\$360.00		\$0.00	
					CLAIMS	FEE	TOTAL:		\$790.00	

[X] Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for the total number of months checked below:

	Extension for response filed within the first month:	\$120.00	\$0.00			
[]	Extension for response filed within the second month:	\$450.00	\$0.00			
	Extension for response filed within the third month:	\$1,020.00	\$0.00			
[X]	Extension for response filed within the fourth month:	\$1,590.00	\$1,590.00			
[]	Extension for response filed within the fifth month:	\$2,160.00	\$0.00			
	EXTENSION FEE SUBTOTAL:					
	- \$0.00					
	\$1,590.00					
	\$2,380.00					
[]	Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract 1/2	of above):	\$0.00			
[]	Suspension of action requested under 37 C.F.R.	\$0.00				
	ТО	TAL FEE:	\$2,380.00			

The above-identified fees of \$2,380.00 are being paid by credit card via EFS-Web.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by the credit card payment instructions in EFS-Web being incorrect or absent, resulting in a rejected or incorrect credit card transaction, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Please direct all correspondence to the undersigned attorney or agent at the address indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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